

## **501<sup>st</sup> Area Support Medical Company History**

The lineage and history of the 501<sup>st</sup> Area Support Medical Company dates back to its constitution on 26 March 1929 in the Regular Army as Company A, 16<sup>th</sup> Medical Regiment. Initial activation did not occur until 10 years later at Fort Adams, Rhode Island on 21 October 1939. In August 1943, the unit was reorganized and re-designated as the 401<sup>st</sup> Medical Collecting Company.

As the 401<sup>st</sup> Medical Collecting Company they supported several campaigns in World War II such as Tunisia, Northern Apennines, and Po Valley. After their successful support in World War II, the company moved to Italy in September 1945 where it received a Meritorious Unit Commendation. In August 1951, the unit was re-designated as the 501<sup>st</sup> Armored Medical Company located in Germany. On 20 October 1951 the 501<sup>st</sup> Armored Medical Company was once again activated. Fourteen years later on 25 July 1965 the 501<sup>st</sup> Armored Medical Company was inactivated.

In May 2007, the unit was re-designated as the 501<sup>st</sup> Area Support Medical Company. On 16 October 2008, 501<sup>st</sup> Area Support Medical Company was activated at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. In September 2009, the 501<sup>st</sup> ASMC deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and provided health care support at Camp Speicher, Al Assad Air Base, Q-West, and Camp Liberty. The 501<sup>st</sup> ASMC redeployed back to Fort Campbell, Kentucky on 18 August 2010. Upon returning, in March 2011, the Company assumed responsibility to provide support for the Defense CBRN Response Force (DCRF) mission. The 501<sup>st</sup> Area Support Medical Company trained and participated in two National Level Exercises before successfully ending the mission on 1 October 2012.

The 501<sup>st</sup> is currently assigned to the 86<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital Battalion, 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Brigade, where they are preparing to assume mission on 01 October 2013 to support Army North's continuous Defensive Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Defense Force.

The 501<sup>st</sup> ASMC exists to provide world-class health care in support of the world's finest fighting force, the United States Army.